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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the first species, Figures 1-2B, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-6 and 11-15 are readable on the elected species. While the Examiner has indicated that there is no generic claim, Applicants, on the other hand, submit that Claim 1 is generic.

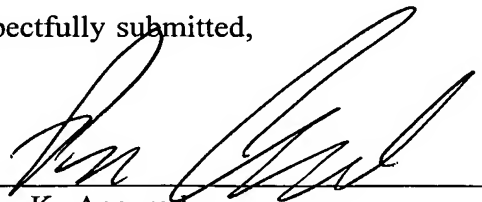
Applicant, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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